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REMARKS

Claim 3 has been amended. Claims 1-11 are pending. Claims 1-9 are subject to examination. Claims 10 and 11 are withdrawn. Amendment to and cancellation of the claims does not affect inventorship.

Claim 3 has been amended. Support for interferon-beta may be found, for example, from paragraphs [060] to [063].

With respect to all amendments and cancelled claims, Applicants have not dedicated or abandoned any unclaimed subject matter and moreover have not acquiesced to any rejections and/or objections made by the Patent Office. Applicants reserve the right to pursue prosecution of any presently excluded claim embodiments in future continuation and/or divisional applications.

Restriction Requirement

Regarding the Restriction Requirement mailed June 27, 2006, Applicants respectfully elect Group I, claims 1-9, without traverse.

Election of Species

With respect to the election of species, Applicants respectfully elect interferon-beta in claim 3.

Applicants note that the above election is an election of species, not an election of a restricted group. Accordingly, after the elected species have been determined to be free of the art, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner continue to search species that are not elected in the present election. See M.P.E.P. § 804.

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Conclusion

Applicants believe the present application is in condition for allowance. Early favorable communication thereof is respectfully requested. Please direct any calls in connection with this application to the undersigned at (415) 781-1989.

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